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Dear Interested Public:

I am pleased to present the Louse Canyon Geographic Management Area (LCGMA) Evaluation for your review and consideration. This document summarizes the results of the LCGMA rangeland health assessment and evaluation, and presents recommendations to address the assessment findings.

This document ends the assessment and evaluation phase, and outlines a range of alternatives for upcoming NEPA analysis. The decisions that can be expected to flow from the NEPA analysis are activity level decisions, rather than land use level decisions, which may be implemented in accordance with and subject to the guiding land use plan – the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan and Final EIS.

We would appreciate your comments. We are particularly interested in your views on the range of alternatives and preferred alternative recommended. The team has worked diligently to involve the public and include a range of alternatives for analysis that reflect the input received thus far. Of course there have been some recommendations that are outside the scope of the LCGMA Evaluation which are not addressed here in.

We are anxious to begin the NEPA analysis, but first we want to give the interested public the opportunity to comment on the range of alternatives proposed. If you would like to comment, please do so in writing. Address your comments to the Jordan Field Manager, Vale District BLM at the address on the letterhead above. To be considered, your comments must be received in this office by January 1, 2004.

Sincerely,

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